

Boy Meets Girl, Boy Beats Girl

Family: For a growing number of teenagers, dating includes physical and emotional abuse

BY THE TIME THE NEW JERSEY teenager got a restraining order against her boyfriend this fall, there wasn't a corner of her life that wasn't black and blue. She was 15 when they met; he was scarcely older, and over the next few years, as their relationship deepened, so, allegedly, did the violence. He'd slap her routinely, she says, often in front of his mother. Once he smashed her nose with such force that blood splattered. Other times, she says, he'd stub out cigarettes on her arm. The humiliation was even worse. He forbade her to wear anything but baggy sweats; even lip gloss would enrage him. When she was diagnosed as alcoholic, he drove her to counseling sessions—then allegedly demanded sex in return. He'd spend hours cruising her suburban New Jersey block making sure she wasn't with friends. Earlier this year, after she gave birth to their baby and moved into his house, he cemented the isolation: he made off with the baby's car seat so they couldn't leave.

The turning point came just before school started this year. Whatever sparked his anger that day, the battle raged from living room to bedroom. When he lashed out at her and the baby, she knew she had to leave. Weeks later, as she sat in family court, watching the judge bar him from seeing or speaking to her again, she wasn't sure. "I was devastated. I wanted to go back to him," she says. "I just sat there and cried, 'Am I doing the right thing?'"

Even before they've figured out how to deal with sex and romance, a growing number of teenagers find that physical and emotional assault is a dating fact of life. Statistics on teen relationship violence are scarce. In the first study of its kind a decade ago, sociologist James Makepeace of Minnesota's College of St. Benedict found that 16.8 percent of college students had attacked or been attacked by partners; others estimate that the figure is twice as high. Whatever the number, teen battering reflects more than society's growing bloodlust. It's a troubling measure of how adoles-

cents are pressured into adult decisions. Just a few generations ago, teenagers didn't even date. Now kids barely past puberty forge "committed" relationships. For some, the bonds bring marriagelike fulfillment. For others, they can trigger domestic violence—and few teens have the experience to handle it. "They know this feels bad," says Santa Monica, Calif., therapist Barrie Levy, editor of the book "Dating Violence: Young Women in Danger." "But it's easily interpreted as 'He loves me so much he just wants me to be with him all the time'."

The reasons girls stay are rooted in adolescence itself, when life is dictated largely by one's friends. The pressure to date is fierce—and so is the risk of unmasking an abusive boyfriend. If a girl tells her parents, she may lose the social freedom she's just winning. If she tells her friends, she risks being cut out of the loop. If she tells her teachers, she fears "ruining" a boy's reputation. Once spurned, he may threaten suicide or vow to kill her. Maybe, she hopes, he'll change.

Besides, no one gets a black eye on the



Sam: He slugged a girl because of 'anger inside'

Playing rough:
Actors in a new
morality play,
'Hitting Home'

Schools can be training grounds for domestic violence. Girls get the message 'Get used to it.' Boys get the message to practice here.



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Carnevale: Killed by her boyfriend

first date. As with adults, abuse between teens builds slowly, usually after the relationship jells—and then it's often too late. According to Makepeace, domestic issues—housekeeping, children, finances—tend to set off battering in a marriage, while in dating, fights revolve around sex, drinking and jealousy. Erica, a 16-year-old from suburban Los Angeles, says the violence started with “play” fights. Then one day when they were arguing, she says, her boyfriend slapped her across the face—and didn't stop the abuse. After that, the relationship roller-coastered from honeymoon to hell. Once, she says, he held a knife to her throat. Even so, she stayed. “I loved him so much he could have had me do anything and I would have done it.”

Although physical abuse is shocking, emotional control is far more common. “Don't wear your skirt so short—it makes you look fat.” “Don't kiss me if you're going to wear lipstick.” Sometimes boys dictate whom their girlfriends see, where they go,

what they do. When Carmen met John last year, the New York City 18-year-olds were swept away. After two months, he decided—wrongly, she says—that she had cheated on him on vacation. The emotional pounding became fierce. Now he guards her closely and insists that she bring home a daily class schedule signed by each teacher. Demands like John's, which are not unusual, alarm counselors. “It's sending up a sign that this is a very controlling relationship,” says Laura Bretzger of Jersey Battered Women's Services. “It can grow into a physically abusive relationship.”

Why do boys hit their girlfriends? Like emotional and sexual abuse, violence is a potent means of control that shows up when a boy feels he's losing control. “It's planned,” says Allan Shore of California's Oakland Men's Project. “If a wife or a girlfriend doesn't give me something I want, I'm entitled to it.” The attitude is learned. Most batterers—male or female—were hit as children or saw their parents hit; gangs exacerbate the pressure to use force.

Gang brother: Sam used to beat his girlfriend. But the 18-year-old from southern California, who has gang initials tattooed on his left knuckles, insists. “It's not because you're in a gang. It's because you've got anger inside.” The first time Sam punched his girlfriend, he says, “I turned off my mind and put in pictures”—of violence at home, of a gang brother smacking his wife at a party. Sam left his girlfriend bloodied. Though he was upset by what he'd done, he picked up a beer and turned away. “When you hit a girl in front of your homeboys, you've got to act like a man.”

Parents are confused about what to do. “The reality is, adults are looking at it as just kids' relationships, puppy love,” says Karen Wilk, coordinator of the Partnerships for Violence programs in Essex County, Mass. Especially if the abuse isn't physical, many parents don't know whether to break up the relationship or let it play out. When Jessica began dating the most popular guy in her suburban New Jersey high school, everyone, including her mother, figured it was a coup. That is, until he began calling at all hours, showing up at 2 a.m., threatening to kill himself if she left him. Alarmed, her mother hooked Jessica up with Jersey Battered Women's Services, then stepped aside. “When you see your child tormented like that, it torments you,” says Jessica's mother. “I wanted to make sure she knew I was there if she needed me. But Jessica is the type who wants to do it on her own.” Erica's mother was more confrontational. At first, she barred Erica from seeing the boy, then agreed she could date him until graduation. “It's hard to know what to do. You don't want to make things worse.”

Although most teenage relationships

flourish and wither in school corridors, officials are at a loss to cope with open warfare. Jenny, a 17-year-old New York City high-school senior, boasts that, for years, "people came to school just to see us fight." No one ever stopped her boyfriend—which, experts say, reveals less about urban education than about cultural conditioning. "Schools are training grounds for domestic violence," says Nan Stein of the Wellesley College Center for Women. "The girls see grown-ups watching and not intervening. That's giving girls the message 'Hey, honey, get used to it,' and giving boys the message that you get to practice this here."

Stabbing death: Some schools are treating relationship abuse more seriously. Beverly, Mass., High School mounted a dating-violence education program last year after one student, 17-year-old Jamie Fuller, was convicted in the 1991 stabbing death of his 14-year-old girlfriend, Amy Carnevale. "Before Carnevale and Fuller, we knew there were some problems, but we didn't think it was very widespread," said principal Keith Manville. Counselor Marvi Haynes of the Women's Crisis Center in Newburyport saw the problem when she distributed questionnaires in the local high school; of 30 respondents, 17 knew someone in an abusive relationship. "That told me this was a big issue," says Haynes, who wrote "Hitting Home," a dating-violence play that's been seen by 5,000 students.

Intervention is more difficult than prevention. Only eight states allow girls to obtain court orders against a boyfriend, and in only about half those states can girls under 18 apply. By default, schools must resolve the battles with few tools. Carol Sousa, head of the Dating Violence Intervention Project in Cambridge, Mass., says that mediation, typically used in same-sex or gang violence, doesn't work with couples: "It's real dangerous for the girl. And it sends a mixed message to the boy"—that it's a communication problem, when, in fact, the boy has a problem controlling his anger.

When will the violence end? Jenny hopes next month, when she transfers schools for the last few months of her senior year. Jessica hopes it will end in September, when she goes to college—preferably 3,000 miles away. The young New Jersey mother doesn't know if her fear will ever end, even with the restraining order that keeps her ex-boyfriend away. "I could easily fall back. It's so easy. If you're controlled, you have no worries because they always take care of you." Like many girls in abusive relationships, she realizes that's not how she wants to live her life.

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TIM PRYOR in Los Angeles and
CAROLYN FRIDAY in Boston

Misty, Watercolored Memories

Mind: Can the courts rely on sudden recollections of decades-old sexual abuse?

IN A MINNESOTA COURT, A woman is suing her father for alleged sexual abuse as a child. This is hardly news. What makes this lawsuit special is age: the plaintiff is 60, her father is 91 and the alleged abuse occurred 57 years ago—something the daughter claims to have remembered only recently, with the help of a therapist. "This may be as extreme an example of repressed memory as you are likely to find," says the defendant's attorney, Michael Stern, who will divulge neither of the parties' names.

Extreme? Yes, but hardly unique. In recent years, law and psychotherapy have developed a potent symbiotic relationship based on the dynamics of "memory recovery"—a controversial combination of techniques by which patients suffering from depression are assisted in recalling repressed memories of childhood abuse. In some instances, therapists also encourage patients to sue their alleged abusers as a necessary resolution of the psychotherapeutic process. In others, psychologists justify legal action as a legitimate way for patients to obtain the funds to pay for continuing therapy. On the legal side, meanwhile, a new species of lawyer has emerged: the specialist in prosecuting sex abusers—clergy, parents and even grandparents are the usual targets—for crimes that were sometimes committed decades earlier. Already, about two dozen states have amended their statute-of-limitations laws to allow suits based on recovered memories to be filed up to six years after the repressed recollections surface.

Many defense lawyers are outraged by their colleagues' cozy relationship with psychotherapists. "You have a combination of two professions that are overpopulated and underregulated," says Patrick Schiltz, a Minneapolis lawyer who has represented a dozen religious organizations in 350 sexual-abuse cases. "One is the field of psychology, the other is the field of law." Mark Chopko, general counsel for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, is appalled by what he



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sees as a disturbing trend. Four years ago, he claims, "five out of six sex-abuse cases against Catholic priests involved real risks to real children. Today," he says, "six cases out of seven are delayed discoveries."

Lawyers who represent sex-abuse victims generally support memory recovery as a valid technique. Jeffrey Anderson, a St. Paul, Minn., lawyer whose firm specializes in clerical-abuse cases and has tripled in size over the last eight years, calls the therapy "a very legitimate psychological phenomenon." He also considers it an essential aid in his legal crusade against churches that have protected abusive clergy for decades.

The odd thing is that the courtroom has now become a forum for debating the merits of a therapy that deeply divides mental-health experts. Few psychologists doubt that memories of childhood sex

From: Alex Gomez -- Court TV - Burbank
Date: Wed, 15 Jun 94 14:06
Subject: This 'N' That

Hey Kathy. Hope all is well. We'd once again be sincerely grateful if you could assist us with two minor items:

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-- Alex

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN:

FACES OF JUSTICE: THE TRIALS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SUMMARY

As part of Court TV's strong commitment to public affairs programming and public service initiatives, Court TV launched an educational campaign in Southern California following the verdict in the second "Rodney King" trial and before the start of the "Reginald Denny" trial. Court TV believed the issues raised in these trials were of great importance not only to adults, but also to young people, particularly those in Southern California, the venue for both trials.

Before the start of the "Reginald Denny" trial, Court TV produced a videotape for California high schools that explained the details of the case and outlined the issues facing the jury. "*Trying Times in Southern California*" was distributed to schools through regional cable systems free of charge. By making the tape available to students and teachers before the start of the trial, students had the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of the key issues in the case -- issues which are often simplified in newspaper headlines and television news reports. The tape was accompanied by a study guide for use in classroom discussion. In addition, Court TV offered Southern California cable systems that don't carry the network the opportunity to "cherry pick" Court TV during the trial.

After the verdicts in the Denny trial, Court TV, in conjunction with Crown Cable and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a non-profit organization that helps educate young people to be more effective citizens, hosted a town meeting with high school students in Pasadena entitled "*Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California*." The event was taped by Court TV and broadcast the following evening and weekend.

The town meeting was moderated by Court TV anchor Carol Randolph with audience questions handled by reporter Kristen Jeannette-Meyers. A panel of Los Angeles community leaders included Chief Jerry Oliver, Pasadena Police Department, former district attorney Robert Philibosian, Estella Donoso Herrera, Manager of Corporate Affairs for La Opinion newspaper, community leader Danny Bakewell, and legal scholar Susan Estrich.

The primary goal of the town meeting was to hear from young people. The program focused on issues raised by both the "Rodney King" and "Reginald Denny" verdicts. The students voiced their opinions on: Is there equal justice under the law for all races? How do we improve relations with law enforcement institutions in our increasingly diverse society? In a Pasadena Star-News editorial discussing the importance of the town meeting, it was written:

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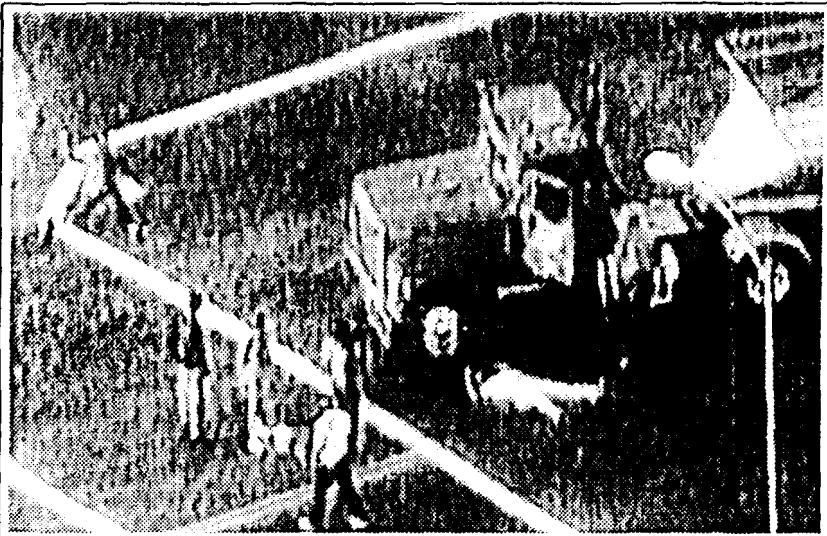
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SYNOPSIS

As part of Court TV's public affairs initiatives, the network launched an educational campaign in Southern California to help students develop a better understanding of the issues raised by the "Rodney King and "Reginald Denny" trials. Prior to the "Denny" trial, Court TV produced a videotape for classroom discussion, which was distributed through cable systems, discussing the key issues in the case. In October, Court TV, in conjunction with Crown Cable and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, hosted a town meeting with high school students in Pasadena entitled *"Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California."* The event, moderated by Court TV anchor Carol Randolph, included a panel of Los Angeles community leaders and an audience of almost 200 Pasadena students who gathered for a lively discussion of whether there is equal justice for all races. The program aired on Court TV, and the network has made videotapes available to cable systems around the country free of charge to distribute to schools in their area.

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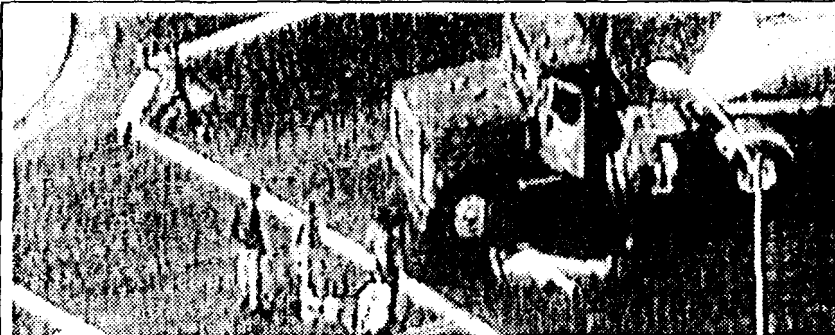
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**COURT TV BRINGS TOWN MEETING TO PASADENA ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
FORUM EXAMINING "FACES OF JUSTICE: THE TRIALS
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA"**

To Be Telecast Nationally Wednesday, October 27 at 7PM & 10PM PT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Courtroom Television Network, in association with Crown Cable and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, will host a town meeting featuring a panel of Los Angeles community leaders and high school students from the Pasadena Unified School District entitled "Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California." The town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October, 26th at 10AM PT at the All Saints Episcopal Church, Forum Hall, located at 132 North Euclid in Pasadena. The program will be telecast on Wednesday, October 27th at 7PM and repeat at 10PM PT.

The town meeting will explore the issues raised by both the "Rodney King" and "Reginald Denny" cases, which Court TV covered live gavel to gavel, such as: Is there equal justice under the law for all races? And how do we improve relations with law enforcement institutions and our increasingly diverse society?

Moderating the hour-long panel discussion will be Court TV anchor Carol Randolph, along with reporter Kristen Jeannette-Meyers and an invited studio audience of Los Angeles area civic and opinion leaders and 200 high school students. The panel for the discussion will consist of Chief Jerry Oliver of the Pasadena Police Department, former district attorney Robert Philibosian, Estella Donoso Herrera, Manager of Corporate Affairs for La Opinion newspaper, community leader Danny Bakewell, and legal scholar Susan Estrich.

Court TV, seen on Crown Cable's channel 56, is distributed to 14.1 million cable households in 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, in addition to satellite dish receivers nationwide. The service is a joint venture of American Lawyer Media, L.P., Time Warner Inc. (TWX), NBC (GE), Cablevision Systems Development Corp. (CVC) and Liberty Media (LBTYA).

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Pasadena Town Meeting

(Court TV, Crown Cable and
The Constitutional Rights Foundation)

"Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California"

- DATE:** October 26 (Tuesday), live to tape at 10am. Air 10/27 at 10pm ET.
- LOCATION:** Forum Hall, All Saints Church in Pasadena (see map)
- FORMAT:** Carol Randolph to moderate one-hour panel discussion with kids and adults, live to tape. Kristin Jeannette-Meyers with handheld mike in the audience.
- TOPIC:** Post Williams verdict initiates discussion on four topics:
- 1) the events of Rodney King's arrest and beating and the events during the LA riots;
 - 2) how the system responded to these two events, and any reforms that came out of them;
 - 3) the human side of the story, how people felt about the events/good samaritans in Denny; and
 - 4) ideas for solutions to living together in an increasingly diverse society.
- This last segment sets the tone for the whole event: i.e., this will not be an attack/defend argument, but rather what's going on and how can we try to fix it?
- PANEL:** Half kids and half adults. Kids to be picked by the school; adults by us, CRF, and the cable company (Crown is extremely active in the community).
- AUDIENCE:** 350 people representing four groups: 1) high school kids; 2) the cable community; 3) Court TV viewers/citizens; 4) the legal and political community.
- OTHER:** Lunch for 50 invitees after the taping at the church.



Invitation letter to Pasadena Town Meeting

October 4, 1993

Dear :

On behalf of the Courtroom Television Network, Crown Cable and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, I invite you to join us for a very special Town Meeting to be held on October 26 in Pasadena called, "Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California."

This Town Meeting, which will include community leaders from the Los Angeles area and high school students from the Pasadena Unified School District, will explore the issues raised by both the "Rodney King" and "Reginald Denny" trials: Is there equal justice under the law for all races? And what can be done to improve relations between law enforcement institutions and our increasingly diverse society?

As an important member of the local community we hope you can attend this important forum, which will be telecast on Court TV. The Town Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena (map enclosed). Please RSVP at your earliest convenience by calling 818/840-3608. We hope you will join us for this important event.

Sincerely,

Steven Brill

Attachment

10/23/93

EDITORIALS

Talking it out

ALL that talk about the need to move on from the King trials, from the Denny trials, certainly hasn't stopped Southern Californians from continuing to talk about them. Endlessly? Well, at least we can't beat ourselves up for being in anything like the psychological state of denial.

And that's probably healthy. Pretending not to be angry if and when we are doesn't make the anger go away. Judging from the letters we get and the things we hear people say, a lot of people are angry in their various ways about the Denny trials' results. Expressing that anger in a positive fashion can be a good thing.

Next Tuesday, Courtroom Television Network, the cable channel that broadcast the King and Denny trials gavel to gavel, and Crown Cable, the company that serves a lot of communities in our area, will host a public forum called "Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California." Held in association with the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the forum will have a town-meeting format, with regional community leaders and high school students from the Pasadena Unified School District interacting on the issues raised by the trials: Is there equal justice under the law for all races? What can be done to improve relations between law enforcement and a diverse society?

The panel will include Pasadena Police Chief Jerry Oliver, former District Attorney Robert Philibosian, Estella Donoso Herrera, manager of corporate affairs for La Opinion, Danny Bakewell of the Brotherhood Crusade and Susan Estrich, USC law professor and manager of the Michael Dukakis presidential campaign. Quite a group.

The forum will be held next Tuesday at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena — limited seating is still available for the 10 a.m. taping; call (818) 840-3608 — and will be cablecast Wed., Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on channel 56 in Alhambra, Montebello, San Gabriel, Temple City, Monterey Park, Rosemead, Pasadena and West Covina. It can be seen on channel 12 in Azusa.

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Panelists to discuss King, Denny trials at televised town meeting

PASADENA — Courtroom Television Network, Crown Cable and the Constitutional Rights Foundation will host a town meeting on controversial trials in Southern California at 10 a.m. tomorrow at All Saints Episcopal Church, 123 N. Kuckid Ave.

"Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California" will feature a panel discussion with Pasadena Police Chief Jerry Oliver, former

district attorney Robert Phillips Jan, USC legal scholar Susan Leitch, La Opinion newspaper corporate affairs manager Estela Donoso Herrera; and developer and community activist Danny Bakewell.

The panelists will discuss the ramifications of the Rodney King and Reginald Denny beatings trials and ways to improve relations

between law enforcement and the public. They also will debate the application of equal justice for all races.

The meeting will be broadcast nationwide on the Court TV cable network — seen locally on Crown Cable channel 56 — at 7 and 10 p.m. Wednesday.

For information, call (818) 255-6222.

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October 26, 1993

STAR-NEWS

Youths to join town meeting

By Courtney Edelhart
STAFF WRITER

PASADENA — Local students with opinions about the outcome of the Rodney King and Reginald Denny trials will have a chance to tell the nation.

Young people from government and economics classes at John Muir High School will join civic leaders participating in a town hall meeting at All Saints Episcopal Church.

"Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California" will be taped at 10 a.m. today and will air nationwide on cable's Court Television Network at 7 and 10 p.m. tomorrow.

The broadcast can be seen locally on Crown Cable Channel 56.

The program is sponsored by Court TV and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a nonprofit group aimed at educating people about the workings of government.

Shannon Evans, 17, of Altadena, said she is looking forward to a lively dialogue

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HALL

Teens to participate in Court TV forum

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about human relations and equal justice before the law.

"I think it's a really good idea for people to get out what they are feeling," she said. "It's a chance to let the system know that the trials really weren't fair."

John Muir Principal Gary Talbert said a current events discussion was incorporated into the curriculum this week in preparation for the town hall meeting.

"It was a positive session and there were some very good discussions and some very divergent views," he said.

Today's forum will begin with a panel of experts talking about the King beating, the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the contributions of good Samaritans during the unrest, how the system responded to these events and suggestions for solutions.

Panelists are Pasadena Police Chief Jerry Oliver, former District Attorney Robert Philibosian, Estella Donoso Herrera of the La Opinion Spanish-language newspaper, Danny Bakewell of the Los Angeles-based Brotherhood Crusade and legal scholar Susan Estrich of USC.

Moderating the hourlong dis-

AT A GLANCE

■ **WHAT** — "Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California" town hall meeting, sponsored by Court TV and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, a non-profit group aimed at educating people about the workings of government.

■ **WHERE** — Forum Hall of All Saints Episcopal Church, 132 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena.

■ **WHEN** — Taping at 10 a.m. today. Broadcast at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. tomorrow on cable's Court Television Network, seen locally on Crown Cable Channel 56.

cussion will be Court TV anchor Carol Randolph. Reporter Kristin Jeannette-Meyers will move through the audience with a microphone for people with questions or comments.

The regional manager of Crown Cable said he thought the event would be exciting and productive.

"We've got a great panel of people from the legal, law enforcement and activist communities," Craig Watson said. "I think all of the issues that have come up since the verdicts came down will be followed up on."

"All of the things that we have been wrestling with as a Los Angeles area community will be fodder for some fantastic discussion," Watson added.

Young Judges

Pasadena Teen-Agers Speak Out
on Verdicts in Denny Beating
Trial, and Reviews Are Not Good

By VICKI TORRES
TIMES STAFF WRITER

A sense of injustice among young people over the outcome of the Reginald O. Denny beating trial spilled out Tuesday during a spirited videotaped town hall meeting of more than 200 Pasadena high school students.

"The only difference between the Reginald Denny and Rodney King [police beating] trial is the police had a badge," said 17-year-old Shannon Evans of John Muir High School as she stood nervously under bright lights and cameras.

"The whole trial was done all wrong. The charges were wrong. . . . Justice was not, not, not. . . ." Evans continued, fumbling for words.

"Served!" shouted the audience of fellow students.

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TEEN-AGERS: Strong Opinions on Verdicts in Denny Trial

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As the hour-long session ended with the lights were off, the passion continued, with

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Hard-core bicyclist takes his lumps. B2

In Your Community

Westlake Village: Crackdown on Signs

Topanga Canyon: Crime Tips Offered

Burbank: Bikes Helping, Police Say

San Fernando: Senior Housing Plan OK'd

Valley: Ombudsmen Graduate

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Lungren Criticizes Acquittals in Trial

■ **Courts:** Attorney general says he fears they'll send a message condoning violence.

By DAN MORAIN
and ASHLEY DUNN
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

SACRAMENTO—Atty. Gen. Dan Lungren on Tuesday called the verdicts in the Reginald O. Denny beating case a "body blow to the justice system," and said the acquittals sent a message similar to justifications that he said were used in the Old South to explain away lynchings.

Jurors continued to argue about the verdicts, which resulted in the dismissal of all but one felony charge.

One juror said the panel's verdicts stemmed from "reasonable doubt" that the two co-defendants were guilty of attempted murder.

Another juror, the lone alternate on the panel, repeated her criticism of the verdicts in a television interview to be aired tonight. The woman, who did not participate in the jury discussions, charged that one juror was threatened during deliberations.

The jury's forewoman denied that such a threat

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Youths Speak Out on Denny Verdicts

■ **Reaction:** Teens focus on question of equality in treatment of defendants.

By VICKI TORRES
TIMES STAFF WRITER

A sense of injustice among young people over the outcome of the Reginald O. Denny beating trial spilled out Tuesday during a spirited videotaped town hall meeting of more than 200 Pasadena high school students.

"The only difference between the Reginald Denny and Rodney King [police beating] trial is the police had a badge," said 17-year-old Shannon Evans of John Muir High School as she stood nervously under bright lights and cameras.

"The whole trial was done all wrong. The charges were wrong. . . . Justice was not, not, not . . ." Evans continued, fumbling for words.

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LUNGREN: Acquittals in Trial Criticized

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Lungren—California's chief law enforcement officer, making the first pointed criticism of the verdict by a state official—said he is worried that "people somehow accept this argument that if you're involved in a mob, you're less responsible for your actions."

He was apparently alluding to the fact that during the trial, attorneys for Damian Monroe Williams and Henry Keith Watson contended that the spontaneity of the violence at Florence and Normandie avenues precluded the premeditation necessary to convict the defendants of attempted murder, or Williams of aggravated mayhem. Both charges carried life sentences. The jury acquitted Williams and Watson of those charges; it convicted Williams of a lesser charge of simple mayhem and convicted Watson of misdemeanor assault for placing his foot on Denny.

In their limited post-trial comments, jurors have not addressed whether the defense argument of "mob contagion" during a riot influenced their verdicts. Nevertheless, Lungren contended that

"the enormity of that question is particularly troubling. It is the same argument you used to hear people give for defense or excuse about lynchings in the South. They would say: 'Well, they all got caught up in the moment.'"

However, Juror 307, a 22-year-old Latina, told the Washington Post on Tuesday that the jury did not convict the defendants of attempted murder because "there was blood on Denny before he was pulled out of the truck," and a brick could be seen inside the cab of Denny's truck, suggesting that the trucker could have been injured by other assailants as defense attorneys argued.

"I couldn't see attempted murder because if [Williams] attempted to kill him, why did he only hit him once?" she said. "Why not just keep hitting him?"

She said jurors were aware of demonstrators outside the Downtown Criminal Courts Building because they could hear them.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, these people are waiting on this verdict,'" she said.

Lungren's comments came at a news conference he called to announce his support of Proposition 174, the school voucher initiative

on Tuesday's ballot.

Later, when asked about the verdicts in the beating case, Lungren said: "What do we tell someone who is pulled out of a car, beaten almost to unconsciousness, stripped, and has his genitals spray-painted? [A reference to riot victim Fidel Lopez, who was spray-painted by Williams.] That is [merely] simple assault, or not an assault at all? I can't explain that."

The Denny jury's alternate said Tuesday that she believed threats were made during deliberations.

"My understanding is that one of the jurors . . . told people if deliberations weren't done and a conclusion come to, basically the way she wanted . . . that she basically would blow them away," the alternate told "Inside Edition" in a telephone interview.

The jury's forewoman, who appeared on camera on the show but identified herself only as Carol, responded: "I don't know where she got that. I would hate to call her a liar, but . . . one juror never said to another: 'You better go with the way the majority is going or else.'"

Times staff writer Ashley Dunn contributed to this story.

MURDER: Man Guilty: 1963 Slaying

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obviously didn't consider." The verdict was so unexpected that Robinson's family and porters from their church a have time to get Downtown in the courtroom.

Thora Rose's daughter, who was in the rear of the courtroom her fingers in her ears during closing arguments so she would have to hear the details of mother's death, also was not sent for the verdict.

Five jurors, who talked to porters after the verdict on condition that their names not be made public, said the most compelling evidence was Robinson

'The message [to criminals] is that fingerprints are indelible, incriminating evidence and they don't go away'

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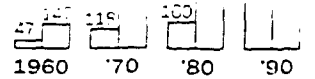
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What turned the tide again, Robinson, they said, was the rod—removed from the kitchen window—was found in the bedroom, indicating that Rose's tacker had come through kitchen window and left his fingerprints all around it.

The jurors also said that Robinson's credibility was eroded by Navy records that showed he was not in basic training when the slaying occurred, as he contended and that his only alibi witness was a man who has since died—was not taken or lying when he said he was in basic training with Robinson in San Diego.

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Supervisors demand monthly safety

By Brian Alcorn
STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY — The Board of Supervisors yesterday ordered monthly safety updates on five county airports run by a private firm.

The request for direct reports from aviation officials each month for the next year is the board's response to a series of investigative articles by this newspaper. The articles revealed that unsafe conditions

at the airports persist, in part because of a lack of county oversight.

Harry Stone, Public Works Department assistant director, told the board yesterday that Comarco Inc. is doing a good job running the county's five general aviation airports.

Nonetheless, new Chief Administrative Officer Sally Reed said she plans to improve the way the county monitors contracts with private companies such as Anaheim-based Comarco.

"We believe Comarco is comply-

ing with the (airport) contract," Stone said. "There are areas where we felt there could be improvement. Comarco has been very proactive in responding to those."

Supervisors called for an investigation into airport operations after this newspaper reported that county monitors found 464 safety and service violations during one 30-month period at Comarco-run airports in El Monte, La Verne, Pa-coima, Compton and Lancaster. Stone's testimony yesterday was in response to last week's board re-

Teens give verdicts on Denny trial

Local students debate question of justice

By Janette Williams
STAFF WRITER

PASADENA — Alfredo Resendiz was frustrated when he first heard the verdicts in the Reginald Denny beating trial.

His first thought was that Damian Williams and Henry Watson should go free the way the four Los Angeles police officers did in the Rodney King beating trial in Simi Valley. Then, the John Muir High School senior began to think, "What if they took me out of my own truck and beat me half to death?"

Resendiz was among several local high school students who described their mixed emotions and uncertainties about the American justice system yesterday at a one-hour community meeting at All



Staff photo by NANCY NEWMAN-BAUER

GIVING THE FLOOR to activist Tim Rhambo, Carol Randolph moderates a student forum on the Denny trial.

Saints Episcopal Church.

The meeting will be televised nationally on Court TV and locally on Crown Cable Channel 56 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. today.

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that \$7 million, organizers of an unprecedented grass-roots campaign against gang violence received a strong endorsement yesterday from the county's chief law enforcement officer.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti pledged his support for the East Valleys Organization's Hope in Youth Campaign, which in January will begin operating 12 centers throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

"I appreciate and understand your fears, the fear that a member

meeting last night.

"Our office is committed to working with you in this campaign."

Hope in Youth Director Mike Clemmons said the 12 centers will each be staffed by three EVO organizers and supported by as many as 50 volunteers.

The centers will be located in El Monte, South El Monte, Baldwin Park, Pasadena, Altadena, La Puente, Azusa and West Covina. Some cities will have more than one center, he said.

through state, city and county grants.

Staff members will organize parents, conduct parenting classes and put on youth outreach programs, said Margarita Vargas, an EVO founder.

"These staff people will not be sitting in an office in downtown Los Angeles," Clemmons said. "They will be operating from our churches. They will be going out into the streets, talking to our children."

businesses paying higher wages and salaries from the savings they are supposed to gain from lower-rising health expenses.

Similar additional savings would come, Panetta said, from \$40 billion in reduced health costs in federal programs, such as at the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The tobacco tax would be raised by 75 cents per cigarette pack — up from 24 cents now — to collect \$65 billion. Big compa-

generate \$389 billion, Panetta said — or \$58 billion more than the \$331 billion in expected health benefit costs.

That \$58 billion would go toward reducing federal deficits, Panetta said — \$3 billion less than the plan envisioned last month.

One reason the final changed so much, Panetta said, is that the nation's improving economy has led the administration to raise its fiscal 1994 budget rate forecast to 3.5 per-

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Pasadena students discuss verdicts

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Asking if "logic and law have taken a back seat to anger," Carol Randolph, moderator of the "Faces of Justice: The Trials of Southern California forum," opened the discussion by asking the audience for a show of hands: Who agreed or disagreed with the Denny beating trial verdicts?

Williams was convicted last week of felony mayhem and four misdemeanor assaults, and was acquitted of attempted murder. Watson was convicted of one misdemeanor assault. Former L.A. police officers Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell are serving 30-month sentences in federal prison for violating King's civil rights.

The students at the forum, 100 from John Muir High and 12 each from Pasadena High and Marshall Secondary School, are members of American Government classes.

One Muir senior said the

Denny verdict showed the justice system was not fair.

"It looked like Damian Williams (on video) to me," he said, "and the punishment should have been worse."

According to another student, the verdict was unfair because Williams and Watson were "clearly trying to kill (Denny) — but you can't prove someone's intent to kill."

"You can't look at the two cases (King and Denny) and say they're the same," argued one student. "Justice should be separate."

"They can be put together,"

countered another,

The students and an invited audience of area civic leaders discussed the King and Denny cases and applications of equal justice under the law for all.

The forum panel included Pasadena Police Chief Jerry Oliver; former Los Angeles County District Attorney Robert Philibosian; Susan Estrich, a USC legal scholar and former campaign manager for Michael Dukakis; Estella Donoso Herrera, La Opinion corporate affairs manager; and Danny Bakewell, a local developer and political activist.

OBITUARY Notices

ALLIN- Margaret A. Allin, a 45 year resident and active volunteer in Altadena and Pasadena, died suddenly on October 25, 1993. Known to friends as Peggy, she served for many years as a leader in community organizations. She served as board president of the Spastic Children's League of Pasadena and volunteer director at the Special Children's Center. She held various offices on the Rosemary Cottage board and was president from 1984-86. Peggy was active in the Parent Teachers Association, serving as president at the elementary, junior high and senior high school levels. She held various offices including president of the Pasadena

He attended L.A. High and U.S.C. before joining the Army Air Corp. He was a fighter pilot during WWII and saw action in Africa and Italy. Services will be Tuesday, October 26 at 3:00 P.M. in the Church of the Reconciliation, Forest Lawn, Glendale. Contributions may be made in his name to the Kenneth Norris Cancer Research Center, 1420 San Pablo, C100, L.A., CA 90033 or the Huntington Memorial Hospital Cardiac Research.

BENDER- Chris Bender, of Monrovia, passed away October 21, 1993 at age 69. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Monrovia.

first graders by introducing them to the joy of learning. Her classroom was always alive with color, music, and many special interest centers. She was awarded a life membership in the National Congress of Parents and Teachers Assn. and was a member of the honorary fraternity of women, Delta Phi Upsilon. She retired from teaching in 1972. In 1984, she married a dear, long-time friend and neighbor, J. Bruce Farmer. They shared several happy years together by traveling and enjoying life until her health failed. She is survived by her devoted husband, Bruce Farmer; loving

Nancy Hayward Ressel of Costa Mesa and Sandra Robbins of Pomona; sister, Evelyn Fiume of Sacramento; and three brothers. Services will be held Thursday, October 28, 1:00 P.M. at St. George's Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills.

HEIDTKE- Betty L. Heidtke passed away October 22, 1993. Survived by two sons, Blair and Richard Maffris; also survived by four grandchildren, Amanda and Zachary, Christopher and Kevin. Services Wednesday, 1:00 P.M. at Cabot & Sons Chapel, 27 Chestnut St., Pasadena. Entombment, Pasadena

Kinden and Jonathan Mitchell. Graduated from Hamilton College Clinton, New York; attended Downstate Medical College of State University of New York; internship and residency in Pediatrics at New York Hospital of Cornell University and a residency in Radiology at

University of Southern California; President of Arcadia Radiology Medical Group; Director of Radiology at Alhambra Hospital and on staff San Gabriel Valley Medical Center Methodist Hospital of Southern California; Clinical Instructor in Radiology at University of Southern

COLUCCI, Ralph, 73, of Alta Loma. Services 11 a.m. today at Calvary Cemetery All Souls Chapel, Los Angeles. Cabot and Sons Directors, Pasadena.

GRUTZMACHER, Helen, 87, of El Monte. Mass 8 a.m. today at Assumption Church, Pasadena. Cabot and Sons Directors, Pasadena.

HEIDTKE, Betty L., 74, of Alta Loma. Services 1 p.m. today at Cabot and Sons Chapel, Pasadena. Cabot and Sons Directors, Pasadena.

PHIELPS, Vigil, 71, of Pasadena. Graveside services 11:30 a.m. today at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside.

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each cramps Monday afternoon. After becoming ill and at 11:30 p.m. collapsed, she said. An ambulance was called to the home.

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nally Night festivities fight drugs, gangs

ed Ribbon Family Night will be at 7 tonight at the Duarte Town Center, 1600 Huntington Drive. The event features guest speakers, poster contest awards, demonstrations, anti-gang and drug information and entertainment by the Duarte High School Ambassadors.

The Red Ribbon Week event is cosponsored by the city of Duarte, the Duarte Unified School District, the Duarte Sheriff's Station, Duarte Community Center and Healthy Living Duarte Committee. For more information, call (714) 375-7931, Ext. 400.

— From staff reports

CORRECTION

On Page 10 of yesterday's edition, in viewing the space shuttle Columbia soaring over the Southland listed incorrect times and coordinates. The correct times are as follows: today at 6:27 a.m. 1 degree above southwest, tomorrow 25 a.m. at 16 degrees above west-southwest, Friday at 6:24 a.m. at 20 degrees above due west.

LOTTERY RESULTS

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DAILY 3: 8, 5, 2. Top prize \$100.
FANTASY 5: 06, 12, 30, 31, 1. Payoff is approximately

Altadena's St. Mark's School carried signs reading "Save our Station."

Supporters of 172 say its failure would lead to fewer police officers, prosecutors and firefighters, and more crime. Wilson's estimate of job losses differed significantly from a county report released yesterday. But the message remained the same.

Failure of 172 "is not a tolerable situation," Wilson said.

Opponents of 172, none of whom attended yesterday's rally, have said the proposal would make a temporary tax into a permanent one.

The Altadena substation

Gov. Pete Wilson speaking in Altadena yesterday

could be one of eight in Los Angeles County that would likely be closed, Wilson said. Temple Station in Temple City is expected to remain open, despite potential staff cuts.

Wilson used doom and gloom as a motivational tool, but

would result in "Draconian cuts."

Wilson admitted he was initially reluctant to support 172.

"I wanted the half-cent tax to expire the way it was scheduled to," Wilson said. "But then every district attorney, sheriff and fire fighter in the state told us what they faced in threatened cuts. It would be devastating in Los Angeles County."

VOICES ON THE TRIALS

"Honestly, you have to watch nowadays what you say. We should not try to justify (the beating of Reginald Denny) by saying police officers committed a crime (in beating Rodney King). So hey, why don't I take a white man, any white man and just attack him? We can't live like that. If it had been a police officer I might have thought, 'Well, they got him back.' But Reginald Denny was just plain white. I do believe in fairness and the justice system, and I feel police officers give their lives for other people. Now they are perceived as these hateful people. I still have mixed feelings."

— Raffi Bahaderian, 16, senior, Pasadena High School

"The Rodney King verdict wasn't fair. A human being got beaten; it was clear to the eye. Reginald Denny got beaten, and you can see it with your eye. I think the (Denny) jury was fixed. They did it out of fear that everything would repeat itself."

— Tami Larsuel, 17, senior, John Muir High School

"I was kinda undecided when I first heard (the verdicts). I wanted them to get off because the cops got off, but two wrongs don't make a right. You have to be punished for what you do. But (Williams and Watson) have served enough time. It should be over and done with."

— Angela Pascual, 17, senior



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"We can go on all day, but neither of the verdicts, neither of the trials was fair. The only thing we can do is move on and fix the justice system."

— Nakia Cunningham, 17, senior, John Muir High School

"The jury (in the Denny beating trial) looked at the race before the issue, and I don't think the verdict was fair in this case or the King case. They all did the crime, but the police were presumed innocent first, and (Williams and Watson) were presumed guilty first. (Williams and Watson) went to jail (before and during their trial), and the police didn't. Black people have been sitting on their hands for 400 years, and with so much pressure building up something had to happen sooner or later. (Last year's riot) was a natural reaction in the inner city."

— Terrish Floyd, 17, senior, John Muir High School

"I didn't think the verdicts were fair. The guy who got off (Henry Keith Watson) should have spent some more time in jail. I don't think (Damian Monroe Williams and Watson) were really trying to murder Denny. I think they got caught up, but they should have been able to handle it."

— Angie Young, 17, senior, John Muir High School



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EXHIBIT 3

High School Teachers Value Court TV

In a National Survey of High School Teachers conducted in May 1994 by Malarkey-Taylor Associates for Court TV, teachers were asked a series of questions about the importance and educational value of the network. Some key findings were:

| | <u>All Teachers</u> | <u>All Teachers Who Have Watched Court TV</u> |
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| Court TV is important because it allows students to see the justice system in action | 84% | 90% |
| Court TV helps students understand many aspects of the law | 69% | 80% |
| Court TV constructively presents current issues of social interest | 62% | 85% |
| Court TV focuses on justice being served, unlike those shows which focus on violence | 72% | 87% |
| I would recommend that my students watch Court TV | 75% | 79% |

"Should Court TV be available at school?"

